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SH3 DOMAIN-CONTAINING HUMAN SLAP HOMOLOGUE HAVING  
IMMUNE CELL-SPECIFIC EXPRESSIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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TECH CENTER 1600/2900RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I drawn to an isolated nucleotide sequence encoding an SH2/SH3 domain containing adaptor, vectors, host cells and methods of producing the polypeptide. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants response is timely and no extensions are necessary.

If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the above captioned application.

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-20.

Add the following new claims:

21. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide corresponding to amino acids 1 to 261 of SEQ ID NO:2 including the start codon;

(b) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide corresponding to amino acids 2 to 261 of SEQ ID NO:2 minus the start codon;

(c) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide corresponding to amino acids 35 to 90 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(d) an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide corresponding to amino acids 94 to 176 of SEQ ID NO:2;

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